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UNEMPLOYMENT AND ELECTION PROMISE.

LONDON, March 10th.

That Government regarded unemployment as just as much a national responsibility as the payment of interest on the War Loan was one of Mr. Thomas Shaw's retorts in the House of Commons to-day to gibes thrown at Government by Liberals and Conservatives for Government's failure to carry out their election promises concerning unemployment.

Dr. Macnamara contended that Government's measures lacked adequate grasp of the situation.

Mr. Baldwin predicted still fiercer French and Belgian competition in the iron and steel trade owing to the fall of the franc.

Mr. Thomas Shaw said that after only six weeks of their advent Government could not produce schemes like rabbits from a hutch. He emphasised his intention to explore every avenue to provide useful work and referred to the acceleration of work in Government departments costing nearly £3,000,000. Government hoped to give effect to large schemes for arterial roads, investigate afforestation and make peace with the rest of Europe as they had done with Russia.

RENT RESTRICTIONS BILL.

LONDON, March 11th.

There were lively scenes in the House of Commons to-day at the committee stage of the Rent Restrictions Bill that Government did not intend to back up. The measure was indicated by the withdrawal of Mr. John Wheatley and Sir Patrick Hastings from the committee which evoked a protest from Conservatives who demanded an adjournment, but the motion was ruled out of order.

Labour Members angrily interrupted speeches of Conservatives which they described as dilatory and obstructive and loudly defied the Chairman's ruling that the committee should adjourn till March 15th. The uproar continued even after the Chairman left the chair.

OBSELETE CRUISER BREAKS ADRIAT IN GALE.

LONDON, March 12th.

The obsolete four-funnel cruiser *Suife*, which was sold to a London firm of steel merchants to be broken up, sailed from Rosyth for Belfast with eight men aboard a fortnight ago. She ran into a gale, broke adrift from her attendant tugs and disappeared and she is still wandering in the North Sea. The vessel was seen over a week ago off Farne Islands and then disappeared. She was seen a few days later 60 miles off Peterhead. Tugs were frequently sent to look for her but unsuccessfully owing to storms and fogs. It is believed that the men aboard have plenty of food.

CHARGE AGAINST A SOLICITOR.

LONDON, March 12th.

Herbert Roger Sadd, a solicitor of Saddlestone, Surrey, was charged at the Guildhall with fraudulently converting certain deeds of ownership of property entrusted to him by Lord Foley under power of attorney.

The prosecutor said that the prisoner had been in financial difficulties for the past two years. His statement of affairs after a receiving order had been made against him, showed a deficiency of £18,000. Lord Foley had indicated an indebtedness of £22,000. Thus Sadd's total liabilities amounted to £40,000.

Lord Foley had been absolutely under Sadd's domination. When he came of age and succeeded to the estates in 1919, a remarkable document was drawn up by the defendant constituting a power of attorney in the widest form, which gave Sadd the absolute right to invest Lord Foley's money in Lord Foley's or anyone else's name. When Lord Foley was abroad Sadd invested large sums in very hazardous speculations with very disastrous results.

There were other charges of defrauding Lady Mary Foley, and a Major Mowbray. The prisoner was remanded.

[The present Lord Foley is the seventh Baron and was born on April 15th, 1898. He succeeded his cousin in 1918. During the war he served in the Air Force.]

"FREE DRINKS FOR YOUNG CLERGYMEN."

LONDON, March 12th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Thomas Johnston (Lab., West Stirling) suggested that in view of the necessity for retrenchment the annual payment of £2,000 from public funds to the High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland should be stopped.

Mr. Adamson said that the grant was made to the High Commissioner towards the expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties. He understood that this sum was not more than was sufficient to meet expenses, and he could not see his way to recommend a stoppage of the payment.

Mr. Johnston: Does Mr. Adamson think that it adds to the dignity of this office that the High Commissioner should be made the channel through which a large sum is spent on wasteful expenditure, including the free supply of drink to young clergymen of the Church of Scotland? (Loud laughter and cries of "Answer.")

Mr. Jack Jones asked: What is wrong with these gentlemen having a drink? (Loud laughter.)

There was no reply.
[Mr. Thomas Johnston is Editor of the Labour weekly, *The Forward*, published in Glasgow. He also takes an active interest in municipal politics. He unsuccessfully contested West Stirlingshire in 1919, and has represented Western Stirling since last year.]

STATEMENT BY MR. MACDONALD.

LONDON, March 12th.

An interesting variation from the usual statement of Government policy was made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the course of to-night's debate.

The Premier said: We have a short time, and I am afraid it is only going to be a short time during which the country can rest absolutely secure that no more war will overtake it within a certain limited number of years. We can use that time by merely trusting to the development of military defences, thereby encouraging and inviting every other country to trust in exactly the same thing. We can use the years, too, in pursuing a totally different policy of keeping military forces right down to a nucleus, keeping them efficient, with no rust, and no disintegration. Brains, energy, and decision all the time, but an absolute nucleus—nothing more than a nucleus—during that time. This country ought to show the same energy and the same decision in pursuing other matters for disarmament, arrangements for disarmament, and steps towards disarmament. The Government propose to do this, but if we fail, then we will unfortunately have to go back to other considerations.

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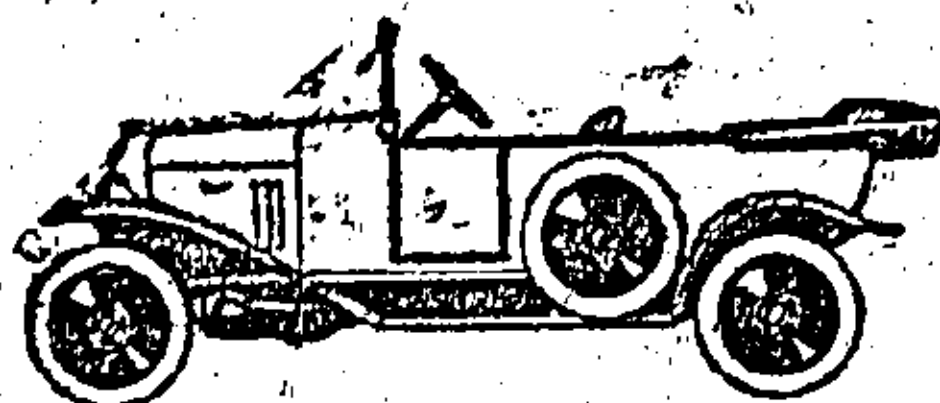
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TRADE NOTES.

THE BRITISH DUTY ON CHINA TEA

Mr. Edward White, 20, Eastcheap, writing to a home paper, says: "It is surely a travesty of Imperial Preference to impose a paltry duty handicap on China tea imports. I doubt very much if the sum realised by the Exchequer covers the cost of collection and what about exports to China from Manchester? Do not these count for something in reciprocal trade? Although China is prevented by hidebound tariff treaties from retaliatory import duties herself, she has other ways of remedying what she considers unjust treatment, as Japan has already experienced to her cost."

BRITAIN'S SILK IMPORTS

In the House of Commons on February 19th, Mr. Webb (President of the Board of Trade), in reply to Mr. Roper, said that the value of the net imports (i.e., imports less re-exports) into the United Kingdom of manufactured silk goods, exclusive of embroidery and apparel, amounted to £12,703,000 in the year 1913, £13,540,000 in 1921, £16,301,000 in 1922, and £18,725,000 in 1923.

TRADE IN SHARKS' FINS.

In his report upon the Fisheries of Malaya, Mr. D. G. Stead, Fisheries Enquiry Commissioner, says: "This trade is entirely in the hands of the Chinese. The fins of the larger sharks are collected regularly at all the fishing centres and at many of the markets, especially at the remarkable type of set-line known as *Rawai* are used. *Rawai* capture considerable numbers of sharks and rays. The edges of the pectoral fins of the rays (*Ikan Pari*) are frequently to be found also amongst shark's fins. Shark's fins are forwarded to Penang and Singapore, principally the latter, whence they are despatched to many places. Penang receives its supplies mostly from Burma. A large quantity also comes from Sumatra, as well as from the coast of Kedah, Perak, Selangor, and The Dinding. A considerable percentage of the supplies received in Penang is sent on to Singapore. Singapore receives its supplies from a multitude of sources, and handles a really vast quantity—probably not less than 1,000,000 lbs. weight per year. Much of this is used in Malaya, although largely forwarded to China. According to the export returns for 1922, at least 319,000 lbs. weight was forwarded to China. Most of the Chinese kedar in Malaya stock sharks' fins for use in Chinese cookery. I have frequently seen Chinese street cooks and others shredding these fins, and no doubt they assist in making a very tasty dish. At the same time an immense destruction of sharks is accounted for."

SILVER INDEBTEDNESS TO U.S.

Mr. Snowden, (Chancellor of the Exchequer), informed Sir F. Wise that Great Britain had paid off her silver indebtedness to the United States. It amounted to \$192,017,635. Sir F. Wise: "Is that amount debited to the Baldwin sinking fund? (Laughter, and an Hon. Member: "He has sunk.") Mr. Snowden: "It has always been regarded as outside ordinary war debt."

EXCHANGE AVERAGES IN MARCH.

Messrs. Roze Bros. in their exchange quotations during the month of March give the following summary:—

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Average Rate to date (1924) (Approx.)	—	2/4 1/2	112 1/2	50 1/2	11.04	
Highest Rate to date (1924) (Approx.)	—	2/4 1/2	121 1/2	50 1/2	14.00	
Lowest Rate to date (1924) (Approx.)	—	2/3 1/2	107 1/2	49 1/2	9.20	

CHINESE (VICKERS) NOTES.

In the House of Commons on February 27th, Mr. Hannon asked the Foreign Secretary whether it was the intention of the present Government to introduce a Bill, on the lines promised by the late Government, which will enable them to appoint a Committee to deal with the disposal of the Boxer indemnity, with special reference to the claims put forward by the holders of Vickers' Chinese notes.

Mr. Ponsonby, in reply, wrote: "The answer is in the affirmative, but no inference should be drawn as to the likelihood of Boxer indemnity funds becoming available for defaulted payments on the unsecured debts of the Chinese Government."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET CLOSING QUOTATIONS

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Hongkong and Shanghai Banks	\$1,165 ss.
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China Sugars	\$248 ss.
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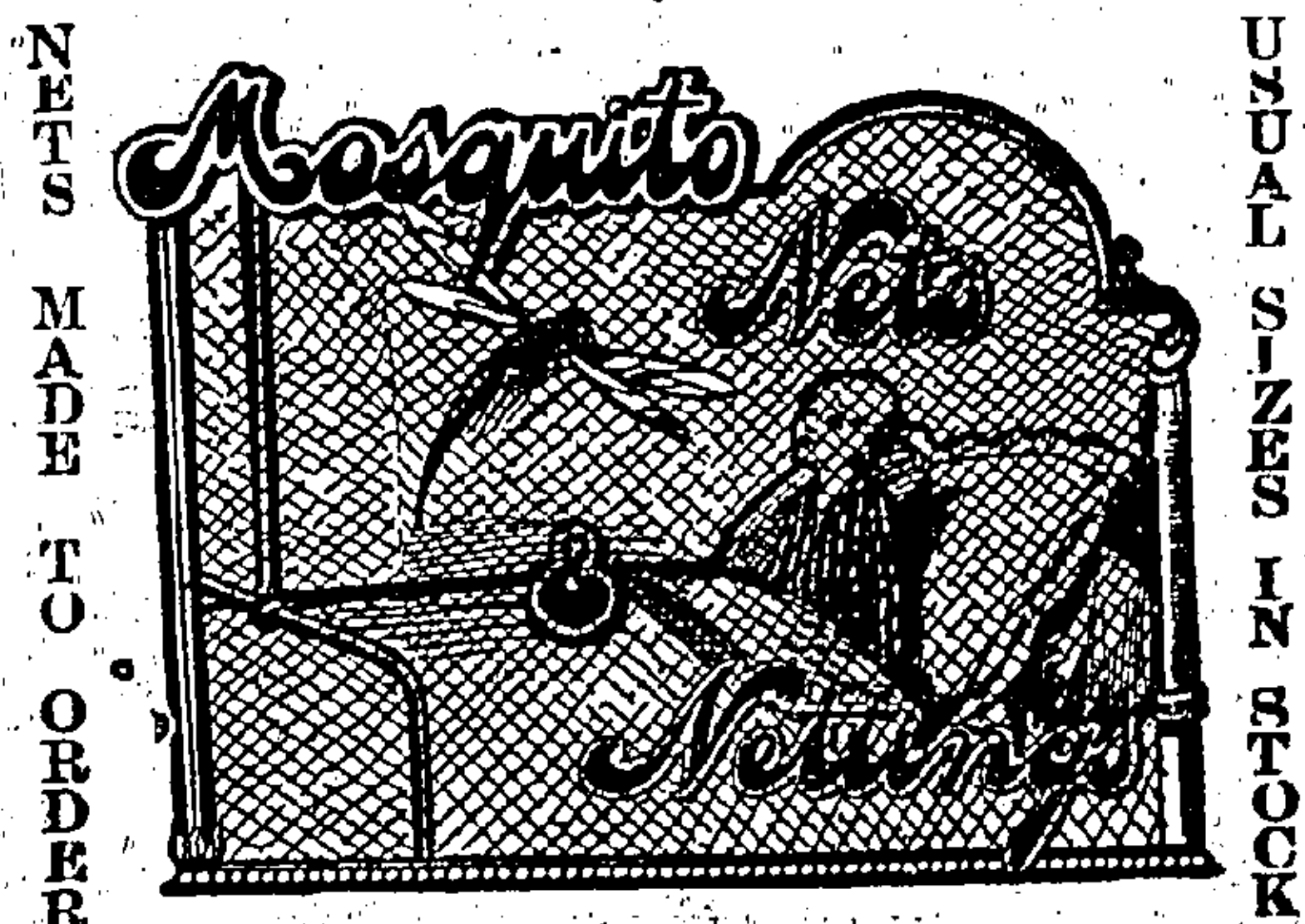
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"Jesus took the loaves and when he had given thanks he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down."

The Gospel for this 4th Sunday in Lent contains the only one of our Lord's miracles that is recorded in all 4 Gospels—the feeding of the 5,000, with five loaves and two fishes. Hence the name, Refreshment Sunday, which is commonly given to this day. But it is not of the miracle generally that I want to speak this morning, but of one incident in the story—our Lord's method of feeding the 5,000. He did not do so himself directly, but employed human agents as his instruments. He gave to the disciples and they to the multitude.

It is very noticeable that our Lord often worked in this way. He, the Son of God, made use while on earth, of earthly agents as the means of conferring his benefits on men.

There are instances recorded where he used outward signs such as touch as the means of healing, e.g., in the healing of a deaf stammerer. He used signs that men could see, touches that men could feel, this making his appeal to the human senses, as well as to the inward spirit or soul of man.

And this shows us how well he knew human nature. The scientific teacher to-day uses models, pictures, maps and so on: he makes children build models in plasticine of a dog or a cat, thus using every faculty they possess, and impressing his lesson through the eye and hand, as well as through the ear.

And it is not only children that are thus impressed: adults know full well the use of outward signs, charts, maps, models, etc., to bring home intellectual or spiritual truths to the mind or heart.

The use of outward signs and human instruments is a Christlike method and we must expect to find it employed in the Church which is the Body of Christ.

THE SACRAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

It is this use of outward signs and means that lies at the root of the Sacraments of the Church—an inward truth or a spiritual gift conveyed to us through outward signs and material means.

Matter and Spirit are not divorced from each other: they are in close alliance. I have very little confidence in the man who desires what he calls a purely spiritual religion, and belittles the outward sign and means. He describes them as empty forms or says that a sacramental religion is too material. If these signs are empty forms, of course, they are useless, but it does not follow that a form is necessarily empty. I would remind such a man that when he talks in that strain, he is belittling the central truth of the Christian Faith, the Incarnation, when the spiritual God took flesh, a material form, an earthly body, in order to get in touch with those he wished to benefit. All Sacraments are extensions of the Incarnation: just as the Divine Godhead of Jesus Christ was veiled in flesh for us men and our salvation, so to-day the precious spiritual gifts of grace which Christ has stored within his storehouse of grace, the Holy Catholic Church, are presented to us in outward forms, and material means such as we in our present state can appreciate. And further, just as our Lord used human instruments in the distribution of the loaves and fishes in to-day's Gospel, so he works to-day, using men specially set apart for the purpose, to be the means of conveying his spiritual gifts to his people. This is the principle underlying the Sacraments, and the Christian religion is essentially a sacramental religion.

THE SACRAMENTS

Sacraments are most natural to the human mind: we use them in our everyday life. The handshake is a sign of friendship, and the means of conveying to our friends, our cordial feelings towards them. The raising of the hat to a lady, the saluting of the flag in themselves are nothing: it is the inward feelings that they connote which makes them worth anything.

And it is just the same with the distinctive Sacraments of the Church. A few drops of water poured upon a baby's head in baptism: a morsel of bread and a drop of wine in the Holy Communion: the laying on of the Bishop's hands in Confirmation: the words of the priest in Absolution: the ring and the joining of hands in Holy Marriage: the laying on of hands in Ordination: the anointing of the sick with consecrated oil in Unction. In themselves these would be empty forms. But because they have been appointed by Jesus Christ himself, or by his Church acting in the power of the Holy Ghost, they are far from empty signs: they are the outward means of conveying a spiritual gift to the heart of the believing Christian, who is a loyal son or daughter of the Church. They are holy pledges to you and me that we have verily and indeed received the particular spiritual gift that we desire. In the greatest of all the Sacraments, the Holy Communion, we do not eat and drink ordinary bread and wine, but that upon which have been pronounced by the properly appointed priest, the words of Christ, "This is my Body: this is my Blood."

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FRENCH POLICY IN ASIA.

M. Edmond Rouchery, writing in *L'Economiste Européen* on the French Possessions in the East, notes that the advantages, both economic and financial, which would result from the French Dominions in the Pacific have been clearly stated by M. Archimbaud in the *Chambre des Députés*, and that a project concerning them elaborated by M. Albert Sarraut, Minister of the Colonies, has already received the support of the Council of Indo-China. M. Rouchery says that merchants in French India desire that greater preference should be extended to their products in the matter of their entry into France. An interesting solution would perhaps be found in an economic rapprochement between French India and Indo-China, which, whilst benefiting both, would safeguard the Metropolis. Lacking maritime communications via Colombo, assured by a special line connected with the Messageries Maritimes, it will be desirable that regular coastal services be re-established between the French Indian factories and Indo-Chinese ports. As to discount and exchange rates, which are heavier than those prevailing in the towns of British India, there is reason to believe that the Banque de l'Indo-chine, which has contributed largely to commercial expansion in French Possessions in Asia, will neglect nothing to satisfy as much as possible these grievances.

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And so too with human instruments. The incarnate Christ, risen and glorified, still in his mercy condescends to use human means in satisfying human souls with the gifts of the spirit. He need not do so, but he does: he need not have distributed the loaves and the fishes through the disciples in the Gospel, but that was his way. And before his visible form was removed from this earth, he delegated his authority to frail and feeble men, "As my father has sent me, even so send I you" and he gave them the power of the Holy Ghost to enable them to carry out their sacred duties.

So we have to-day, absolutely essential to the existence of the Christian Church, the three ancient Orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, each with their own special duties to perform, specially set apart and authorized for their work, given special gifts of the Holy Ghost to enable them to perform their sacred work.

But it is not only the ordained official priesthood that Jesus Christ can use as his instruments. There are many men, engaged in business, in the Navy or Army, in schools, and so forth many women in school or home, who are called to exercise their sacred office of the priesthood of the laity, and thus to use their gifts whatever they may be for Christ. The gifts differ: one has a good business head: one is a fine teacher: another has a kindly heart. Each in his or her own particular way can be the instrument of spreading the kingdom of Christ among those with whom he or she comes in contact. Everyone is bound to exercise some influence in his own particular circle of friends and acquaintances: those who are true instruments of Christ will see that their influence is for good. The people who enjoy their company will be the better not the worse, for knowing them.

I do not want to dwell upon the popular catchword of the hour, "The Church has failed." For I don't believe she either has or can fail. But I have to confess with shame that many of us who are members of the Church, both clergy and laity fail over and over again, because we are not allowing ourselves to be His true instruments. If you, brethren of the laity and we clergy unite together with one common aim in our hearts, to bring Christ home to the people that we meet, trying to see the good in each other, not always criticising and fault finding, then we shall be worthy members of the Church, and will do much to make her influence felt in this city. Those who are forever denouncing the Church forget that every baptized Christian is a member of the Church, and that responsibility for her welfare rests not only on the clergy, but on everyone who professes to be a Christian. Resolve then during the second half of this solemn season of Lent, to be truer instruments of Christ, of that we may bring his benefits home to the hearts of the people, and that their souls may be satisfied, as were the 5,000 who were fed by Jesus Christ, through the human agents whom he employed.

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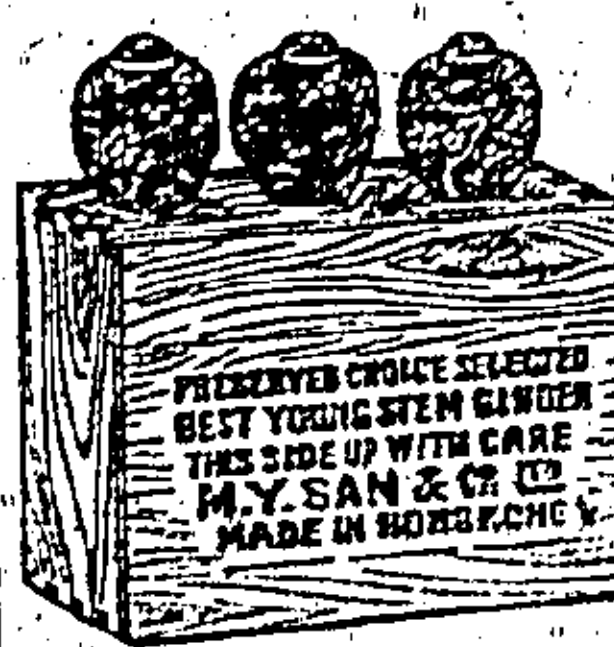
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EVIDENCE OF THE VILLAGERS.

The hearing of the Lantao murder case was continued yesterday morning. The case is one in which a young Chinese woman is charged with poisoning her husband.

Inspector Barnes, of the Criminal Intelligence Department, gave evidence to the effect that he visited Lo Fuk village for the purpose of finding out whether it was possible for a conversation in No. 25 to be heard distinctly in No. 28. This was made possible by a large crack in the walls.

Witness, in reply to Mr. Prosser, said that when he visited the village on March 12th he found it deserted between the hours of noon and one p.m. The villagers were apparently in the fields.

A sister-in-law of the deceased, in the box, described the prisoner as "a very bad woman" and one "who always quarrelled with her husband." She told the Court that she overheard the prisoner tell her husband (the deceased) that he was not handsome. He replied that she was lazy in refusing to go out to work. The prisoner said she was anxious to see him die and that she would murder him.

Mr. Prosser, cross-examining: Every body appears to be on good terms in your family except the prisoner and deceased?

The witness: Yes, everybody except the prisoner. She is a bad woman.

Were you on good terms with the prisoner?—Ever since my husband died she scolded me day and night. On one occasion she closed the door and would not allow us to go in for our rice. We broke open the door and when we got in she sat on her bed and scolded us.

Continuing: Mr. Prosser asked: Since your husband died, who has been living with you? A man?—I don't know what his surname is, but he is known as Wong Kee. In the eighth moon of last year the deceased invited him back after a consultation with the deceased's parents.

Did he consult you at all?—Yes, he asked me whether I liked him or not. I said: "You have gone to a lot of trouble and I don't mind in the least." (Laughter.)

I suggest that it was on your mother-in-law's suggestion that the deceased brought in Wong?—No, the deceased said: "You are a widow and as both your children are dead I will bring Wong along."

Why didn't you tell the police when you gave your history—a very interesting one—that this man was living with you?—I did not tell about Wong.

You described yourself as a widow, living alone?—Yes.

Was Wong living in No. 25 on the day deceased died?—He was not. He left in October of last year and has never been back since.

What? What?—He came back just after the murder.

Are you married to him?—I am not his fat wife. I don't know whether he likes to keep me or not. I can't say whether I am married to him or not.

You had a feast of village elders to celebrate the event?—Yes.

Do you regard him as your husband?—Yes, when he comes back to the house, I consider him as my husband.

A villager called by the prosecution stated that the prisoner was on good terms with her husband and he had never heard them quarrelling. Deceased was on good terms with his father and mother.

Cross-examined, by Mr. Prosser, witness said that he knew the man nicknamed Wong. He was bought by the deceased's father and adopted as his son. Wong worked mostly in the New Territories.

A BREEZE IN COURT.

Mr. Lubatti, first assistant to Mr. Dovey, Government Analyst, at present acting Government Analyst, said he was not present when Mr. Dovey carried out his experiments. He was familiar with the plant gelsemium elegans. Each leaf contained about 2 per cent. of alkaloid.

Mr. Prosser: Could you say how much a handful of green leaves might weigh?

The witness: No.

His Lordship: It all depends on the size of the hand.

Do you agree, as a qualified chemist, that in the extraction of alkaloid the toxic properties are lost?—Yes, if the preparation is not carried out properly.

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UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG

ARTS ASSOCIATION DINNER.

The annual dinner and concert of the Arts Association took place on April 1st in the Great Hall of the University. The record total of 185 persons sat down to the respect.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman of the Association (Mr. N. H. F. Prew) proposed the health of "Our Guests." He welcomed all those present, and mentioned the names of Miss R. Hazland, Mrs. Forster, Messrs. A. Kirk, D. W. Morley, H. Piercy, and Mr. and Mrs. Collett, to whom the association felt particularly indebted, for their contributions towards the programme of music and drama for the evening. Mr. Macdonald acknowledged the compliment.

Owing to indisposition, Mr. Warner, who was to have given "The Arts Association," was unable to be present, so his place was taken by the Rev. Mr. Shanahan. Professor Brown replied.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items contributed by Mrs. Collett (son, "Beloved, it is Morn"), Mr. H. Piercy (song, "Come Friend"), and Mr. V. F. Vicenjee (violin solo).

The one-act comedy, "Wurzel Flummery," a light and good-natured satire on the power of money, was then presented. Miss R. Hazland, Mrs. Forster, Mr. Morley, Prof. Hinton and Mr. Hett formed the members of the cast and acquitted themselves excellently. The arrangements for this comedy were made by Mr. Hett, who was ably assisted by Prof. Simpson.

At the conclusion, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed to the success of the evening and to the committee for the capable manner in which they had made all the arrangements.

His Lordship: Mr. Dovey, giving evidence explained that he extracted from the leaves a vegetable alkaloid and that he also extracted from the stomach an alkaloid and that he then applied a test in each case and found the reactions were identical. Assuming that Mr. Dovey was right in stating that the reactions were identical would you say that the preparations were the same?

The witness: If the reactions were identical and characteristic they would probably contain the same alkaloid.

The Attorney-General proceeded to put a very difficult technical question which was not fully understood by the witness when his Lordship interposed with the remark: "We laymen," Mr. Lubatti, "are perhaps likely to get out of our depths on these matters."

The Attorney-General proceeded to put his question in a different way when Mr. Prosser rose and interrupted.

The Attorney-General: Don't please interrupt, Mr. Prosser. You have been interrupting in an extraordinarily rude way throughout.

His Lordship: What is it, Mr. Attorney?

The Attorney-General: My learned friend will persist in interrupting in an extraordinarily rude manner. I have been very patient with him all through. I will not have him interrupting as he does.

Mr. Prosser: Oh! is the learned Attorney going to throw mud about I can do the same.

The Attorney-General: I did not say that or insinuate that.

Mr. Prosser: Then please don't say that I have been rude.

His Lordship closed the incident by asking the Attorney-General to proceed.

An amah in the employ of Inspector Dorrington at Cheung Chow gave evidence as to searching the prisoner.

Sub-Inspector Dorrington, in charge of Cheung Chau Police Station at the time of the death of the deceased, gave evidence as to receiving fragments of leaves from the deceased's father at Cheung Chau. On the evening of January 26th he visited Lantao Island and found the body of a male. The face was discoloured. The prisoner, her sister-in-law and her mother-in-law were in the same room.

He arrested the prisoner. Witness went on to say that when he first examined the prisoner's purse in a very bad light he found nothing inside. Later at the Magistracy in the presence of Mr. Hazlerigg (the Assistant Crown Solicitor) on March 5th on whose suggestion he turned the purse inside out he found two pieces of leaves, one piece at the bottom of the purse and one on the side.

Witness added that the two or three fragments of leaves found in the cooling pot had been lost.

The case was again adjourned.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE TWO CHAMPIONS MEET.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH GAME.

HONDA LEADS NG SZE KWONG BY TWO SETS.

Honda, the Japanese player, had extremely hard luck yesterday afternoon, when he met and nearly defeated Ng Sze Kwong in the fourth round of the Open Championship Singles. He was leading by two straight sets, which he won in a very convincing manner, when rain interrupted play. The game then stood at three all in the third set. The down-pour was of brief duration, and after a quarter-of-an-hour's delay the match was resumed and the games went to four all, when the umpires decided to abandon further play, owing to the falling light and the fact that the lines of the court had been practically washed out. Arrangements were made for the match to be re-played on Tuesday next on the Stand Court.

H.E. The Governor was one of a very large crowd of interested spectators who witnessed the match, which has aroused such a lot of discussion as to the merits of the two players. Before the contest commenced, it seemed to be the general opinion that Ng Sze Kwong would win in view of the state of the court, which was soft and lent itself admirably to his peculiar style of play. But on the run of the play Honda showed his superiority and deserved to win. Ng Sze Kwong could not keep his opponent back on the base line; time and again the Japanese player fought his way up to the net and finessed beautifully. But it cannot be said that Ng had much luck; indeed he had none, for those fine backhand position shots of his, which just skim the net, failed to get over by fractions of an inch. Not until the third set did it look as if Ng was going to make anything like a fight of it. Then he took the first game and in a more assured way held his own and carried the games to three all and, later, to four all. It was just possible that he might have made a fine recovery, which is a special feature of his, for one never can tell when he is beaten.

Honda served well and could be relied upon to win on his service. Ng's service was not nearly so good and could easily be returned. On the base line both players were very evenly matched and, provided both stayed there, it was just a case of long rallies on the back hand until Honda grasped opportunities to work up to the net and, with something of a mixture of a smash and a forehand drive, would place the ball in either one or the other of the corners of his opponent's court. In the second set Ng Sze Kwong, tried on several occasions to get up to the net, but he met with indifferent success, and it was not until the third set that he realised that his game was to keep Honda back on the base line and to lob more than he had been doing previously. This change of tactics paid, and with the lessons that Ng Sze Kwong learned yesterday we may see a very evenly contested game on Tuesday.

Play opened with Honda taking the first two games. Ng Sze Kwong made it all square, after which Honda secured the next four, which gave him the set. There were times when Ng was leading by 20 and 40 to love, but Honda could always be relied upon to make a deuce of it and to ultimately get the game.

The second set went to 5-0 in Honda's favour before Ng got a game. In the third set Ng got the first game. Honda made it all square, and they were also all square at the end of the fourth game. Honda took the next 2-2, and Ng, realising that if he did not make it three all the match was as good as lost, they fought it out over many deuces in which "Vantage Server" seemed to be called more often than hot. Then the rain fell in torrents. There was a stampede for shelter and in the midst of the stampede Ng won the game. A quarter-of-an-hour later the shower ceased and play was resumed, but the light was bad and, after the players had taken one further game each, it was decided to abandon play.

Other games were also spoiled by the rain. Worthington and Sewell tried to finish off their match, but they were beaten by the falling light, the slippery court and muddy balls, and they gave up when Sewell was within a game of victory.

The following are yesterday's results:—
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.—H. D. Runjahn beat Yew Man Tsun, 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—E. J. N. Mitchell and W. L. Thomas (+15) beat C. D. Armstrong and D. J. Allfree (+4/0), 6-3, 6-2.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

OPEN SINGLES.—A. D. Humphreys v. A. B. Raworth.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Mr. and Mrs. Hatterley Smith (scr.) v. J. A. Warrick and Miss Rudge (+3/0).

HANDICAP SINGLES "B."—A. H. Penn (+1/0) v. G. H. Jillings (+2/0).

ONE OF THE UNWASHED.

HOW THE LAW INTERVENED.

He was a coolie of a kind, old and thin. Moreover, he was dirty, very dirty. The passing of the years had wrinkled his face, which was of a rich mahogany tint, but in the seams were layers of grime. His hair, speckled gray, was long and unkempt; stood up in places and in others fell in matted strands over his ears and forehead. A patched and filthy coat, once an ornate part of an elaborate Chinese national outfit, hung anyhow on his narrow frame. His nether garments, patched too, were shapeless and soiled and ended at his knees. A pair of spidery legs terminated in gnarled feet, bare, some of the toes nailless. Altogether he was a pitiable object.

His employer apparently thought so too. For he gave this poor coolie seven cents with which to buy soap so that he could indulge in a good bath. The employer also gave the wreck definite instructions not to return for a day's work and its consequent pay until he had had the bath.

The coolie, sadly left the scene of his labours and wandered along the Praya. He realised that the time had come, as it were, to take the plunge. If he did not clean himself, he reasoned, there would be no more work, which meant no more pay, which meant no more food and no more smokes. He looked at the seven cents. It was sufficient, he knew, to buy enough soap to enable him to rid himself of most of the dirt if used economically.

But, it struck him, he would require water. There was plenty of water along the Praya, but, to do the job properly, he knew he would have to have hot water. Here was a setback. Hot water could not be ladled out of the harbour. Still wandering along, puzzling over his dilemma, our coolie observed a chunk of wood lying absolutely unprotected. The coolie's skies were immediately blue ones. He picked up the piece of wood. Unfortunately, a Chinese policeman witnessed the action. He arrested the coolie, and the next day our poor hero appeared in the dock before a magistrate. In one hand he clutched his seven cents. In the other was a piece of rag. The log of wood stood beside him. He was hearthbroken. He had not, by the look of him, really washed himself for many years, yet just as he was on the point of making amends for his long-lasting failure, he had been stopped. It was pathetic. The law, at times, is tolerant. The Magistrate let our coolie go and, as no-one claimed the wood, the coolie was allowed to take it with him. By this time, let us hope, he has had his hot bath.

SPORT.

OPEN BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

K. K. LEUNG v. C. EARNshaw.

The above match in the Open Billiards Championship of the Colony was played last night when Leung defeated Earnshaw by 200 points in a game of 800 up. The highest breaks were:—K. K. Leung: 23, 27, 38, 21, 35, 30, 22, 23, 45, 22. C. Earnshaw: 28, 21, 22, 23, 22, 30, 31, 27.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON F.C. v. EAST SURREYS.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in their match against the East Surreys in the final of the Shield, to be played, on the Hongkong Club ground on Saturday, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.:—A. Duncan; F. Wheeler and T. L. Knight; A. Turner, J. McKelvie and H. G. K. Wheeler; A. Latham, E. Roberts, S. G. Hayes, E. Nash and K. Mason. Reserves: M. Howarth, J. Morton and W. Walls.

CRICKET.

C.C.C. v. E.E. TELEGRAPH CO.

The C.C.C. team for the friendly fixture to be played on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the C.C. ground will consist of F. E. Lawrence, T. Grimes, H. J. Dennis, G. W. Milne, G. White, E. Mowling, W. B. Muskett, S. Abbas, Y. Abbas, M. Pina and F. K. Modi.

BASKET BALL LEAGUE.

The remaining games of the above league, i.e., Hongkong University v. St. Paul's College and Queen's College v. Railroad Recreation Club will be played on the Chinese Y.M.C.A. floor this evening at 7.15 and 8.15 p.m. respectively. Mr. A. E. Dome will be in charge of both games.

At the Magistracy yesterday there was a sequel to the story of a Revenue Officer's raid of an opium den when the lame man referred to in the account published in "Wednesday's Daily Press" was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

He told the Magistrate that he had been advised to smoke opium by the surgeon at the Government Civil Hospital who had amputated his leg. He then denied that he was at the den at all, asserting that it was his double that the Revenue Officer saw. Defendant was discharged with a caution.

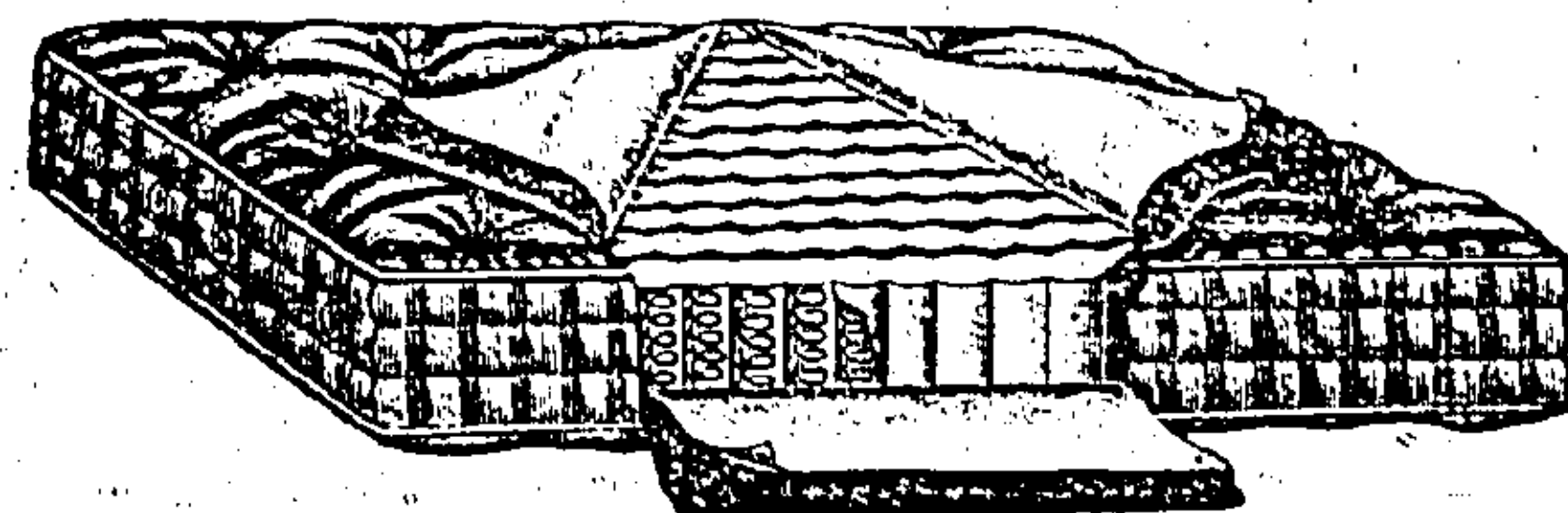
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HONGKONG, APRIL 4th, 1924.

CHINA'S FAMINES.

We are reminded by the Annual Report of the China International Famine Relief Commission that distress in China due to famine has been steadily decreasing.

The famines reported and relieved by the Commission in 1923 were, in almost every instance, "left-overs" from previous years. While it cannot be said that there is no distress at the present time, the suffering that exists is not due to natural calamities like drought or flood, but rather to "a shortage of food and a narrowing of the margin of livelihood caused by political disturbances."

It does not, therefore, fall within the scope of the Commission's activities. The worst distress with which the Commission had to deal in 1923 was in the province of Chekiang where a succession of typhoons in 1922 had proved very destructive. In Honan, Shansi and Shensi certain districts suffered from drought, but the distress in those provinces in 1923 is regarded as due largely to the previous much more serious conditions which had left these provinces so impoverished as to make even local crop failures a cause for outside relief.

In the Spring, however, a sufficient crop was harvested in North China to end in that area what might be regarded as a condition of famine, and the harvests all over China in the Autumn were excellent.

The Commission has thus been able to devote its main energy to the preventive side of famine work. It is an interesting sign of the times to notice that the Commission has had urgent calls from a number of provinces for engineering advice and guidance, and to meet this demand the Commission has authorised the establishment of an Engineering Department. The services of a competent engineer are now available to local committees. Where provincial committees are well organised and have already initiated technical work, the Commission's Engineer will give general supervision; but in other localities where no

such organisation exists, he will undertake, when necessary, engineering surveys, the formulation of projects and the engagement of suitable staffs, and direct them from Peking. We learn further from the Report that, in order that important engineering schemes may have the best possible technical guidance, the Executive Committee has organised a Technical Board of eminent engineers of all nationalities in China, and this Board will be consulted as the need arises. The services of these experts, we gather, are purely honorary.

We gather from the statement of accounts that the Commission has an endowment fund amounting to \$343,648. Last year the income of the Commission derived from refunds, grants by the Finance Commission, subscriptions in response to special appeals (including \$10,275 for the Japanese Relief Fund) interest on the endowment funds, etc., amounted to just on \$327,000, and the close of the year left the Commission with a balance in hand of \$24,732. What is described as "one of the most outstanding accomplishments" of the past year has been the adoption of a policy of conserving the funds entrusted to the Commission by making them available for famine relief or prevention on a loan basis. "There are so many conservancy projects in China which are revenue producing," says the Report, "that it is always possible to select those which will result in sufficient economic improvement to the people to ensure repayment of the principal sum expended"—a plan which not only makes a perpetuation of the funds of the Commission possible, but provides charity in the most enlightened manner, obviating the possibility of pauperising the people or weakening the moral stamina of the population which might result from giving them "something for nothing." It is a policy which commends itself and it is satisfactory to learn that, in the cases where it has been tried so far, the loans are being repaid as they become due. It is also gratifying to learn that the provincial officials are showing an increasing tendency to co-operate with the Provincial Committees set up by the Commission, by making grants to them for conservancy schemes. From this it is concluded that "if the Commission can demonstrate its ability to efficiently and honestly administer public funds in famine prevention projects, it is not unlikely that its services will be more and more sought and that larger sums and more important schemes will be entrusted to it by officials or groups of citizens."

Working on the lines we have indicated the China International Famine Relief Commission must become a permanent institution of inestimable value to China, and we trust its annual reports may show that the people of China are expressing in an ever-increasing degree their appreciation of the great and important services it is rendering to the nation.

Mr. H. S. Bennett, Manager of the Telephone Co., and Mrs. Bennett, who have been on a trip to Australia, returned to the Colony yesterday on the St. Albans.

At the Star Theatre last night the Hongkong Philharmonic Society repeated the concert which was presented with great success at the Theatre Royal last Saturday week.

Mr. Harry Ore, whose recital is to take place on Monday, has received word that a concert devoted to his works is to be given in Riga. "Another of his compositions, on Lettish Folk songs, is being performed at the Sydney Conservatoire."

Mr. A. S. Henchman has taken up the duties of acting agent of the Bangkok branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mr. J. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy have left for Hongkong. Before his departure Mr. Kennedy was entertained to a farewell dinner at the British Club by the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band.

Among the departures by the *Empress of Russia* yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smyth, Mr. V. G. Smyth, Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bridger, Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. W. C. Shiner, Mr. Geo. Potts, Mr. P. Tester, and Dr. J. Urquhart.

The Japanese Residents' Association of Hongkong presented to Mr. D. K. Blair, Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, who left for home on Wednesday, on leave, a beautiful pair of vases, as a mark of their appreciation of his relations with the association and particularly of his services in connection with the Japanese Earthquake Relief Fund.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH BUTTERFIELD'S AGENCY.]

PIRACY REGULATIONS IN HONGKONG.

VISCOUNT CURZON SAYS THEY ARE USELESS.

London, April 2nd.

In the House of Commons Viscount Curzon drew attention to what he described as the alarming increase in piracy in South China waters. He declared that the piracy regulations of the Hongkong Government were useless. A large British shipping company was anxious to instal wireless on their ships as a safeguard, but were prevented by a Government regulation dealing with the nationality of operators to be engaged.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Colonies, referred to his previous reply, and said that the Governor's report would doubtless deal with the question of wireless, and the applicability of the regulation mentioned to Hongkong waters could then be further considered.

[There is no local regulation of the kind indicated in the question, and the reference apparently is to the imperial regulations which require that all wireless operators on British ships must be British-born subjects. What, apparently, stands in the way of the installation of wireless on British steamers plying in local waters is the difficulty of procuring operators, and this is the reason for the inauguration of a Taikoo Wireless Telegraphy School in connection with the Technical Institute announced a day or two ago. The classes are open to British-born Chinese, that is Chinese born in Hongkong, for example. Students are to undertake to join the service of the China Navigation Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) or the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.) as Wireless Telegraph Operators after three years' Agreement, immediately after passing the prescribed examination.]

SINO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

CHINESE REPLY TO THE SOVIET'S MEMORANDUM.

PEKING, April 2nd.

The Waichiaopu, replying to M. Karakhan's Memorandum of March 24th, states that, as regards the proposed agreements, the Chinese Government are ready to approve and sign them provided modifications are effected in the preliminary text (1) regarding the treaties, the Note containing that the agreement should provide for reciprocal renunciation of treaties and agreements made with a third party affecting the interests of the other; (2) regarding the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Mongolia, which should be made a more definite undertaking on the part of Russia; and (3) concerning Russian church property.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN."] LATAM.

The Waichiaopu's reply, in the form of a lengthy Note, was delivered to M. Karakhan last evening, of which Reuters' correspondent at Peking on March 30th supplied the main points.

The Note adds that the Chinese Government intend to decline to discuss with M. Karakhan China's relations with other Powers. It will suffice to reiterate that the Chinese Government will not permit their policy *vis-a-vis* the Sino-Russian negotiations to be interfered with by any outside influence.

The Ministry points out that the Chinese Government have not disavowed any agreement formally concluded. If M. Karakhan refuses to discuss the modifications with a view to the completion of the proposed agreement and insist upon returning to the position at the beginning of his conversation with Dr. C. T. Wang, it will merely be another proof that the responsibility for delay rests with the Soviet Government and not with the Chinese Government.

As regards the proposed agreements, the Chinese Government are ready to approve and sign them, provided the modifications are effected in the preliminary text as follows:—(1) Regarding treaties; (2) withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Mongolia should be made a more definite undertaking on the part of Russia. It should not be conditional, though the necessary details for withdrawal may be arranged later; (3) as concerns church property. The Chinese Government wishes to discuss these three points, on which they cannot believe that M. Karakhan, if he really wishes to re-establish friendly relations with China, can have any objection to negotiate. Should M. Karakhan see insurmountable difficulties in modifying the preliminary text, the Chinese Government, animated by a spirit of conciliation and an earnest desire for official relations between China and Russia, are prepared to agree to having these modifications effected through a supplementary exchange of Notes to be signed with the agreements.

The Note concludes with the remark that the proposed agreements can serve as a basis for an understanding of the three points to which the Chinese Government attaches great importance are effected by a revision of the texts or through an exchange of Notes.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"RANGESTAN" ABANDONED.
PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED TO
"CLAN MACIVER."

PORT SAID, April 2nd.

The Captain of the steamer *Frangestan* reports that the situation is now most serious and that it may be necessary to abandon the ship.

[It was reported in the *Hongkong Daily Press* yesterday that the s.s. *Frangestan* from Bombay, with 1,200 pilgrims for Jeddah on board, was on fire and hastening on her way to Port Sudan.]

LATER.

The Captain of the *Frangestan* sends news by wireless that the fore end of the ship is fiercely ablaze. All the passengers have been transferred to the *Clan Maciver* and the crew have been ordered to abandon ship.

VESSEL ABANDONED AT SEA.
ALEXANDRIA, April 2nd.

The *Clan Maciver* has sent a wireless message stating that the *Frangestan*, which was on fire, was abandoned in Lat. 18.44 North, Long. 29.20 East, in a sinking condition.

The *Clan Maciver* is bringing all hands to Port Said.

[The s.s. *Frangestan* belongs to the well-known local firm of shipowners, H. M. H. Nemaze, Prince's Building. The vessel has a dead weight of 11,000 tons with a 17,000 tons displacement. She is well-known in Hongkong, and is now regularly engaged on the pilgrim route between Bombay and Jeddah. The *Frangestan* left Bombay on the 23rd March, and in addition to the passengers had on board some cargo for Genoa. This is her second pilgrim trip this season.]

CAPTAIN'S GRAPHIC MESSAGE.

Yesterday afternoon the local office received a graphic message from the master of the vessel (Capt. W. J. Reynolds) to the effect that he had issued orders for the abandonment of the ship. His message concluded: "I will remain until the last moment myself. All passengers safe."

The other pilgrim ship mentioned in the Reuter cables published yesterday, the s.s. *Tangestan*, also belongs to H. M. H. Nemaze.

ARMY DEATH PENALTY.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY TO BE
INSTITUTED.

LONDON, April 2nd.

The House of Commons, after an all-night sitting, passed the third reading of the Army and Air Force Bill without amendment. There were lengthy debates on the questions of the abolition of the death penalty in the Army, the use of troops in trade disputes, etc., but all amendments were rejected. The Government promised to ask the Army Council to enquire into the whole question of the death penalty and to report to the Cabinet.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
MINISTER'S STRONG WORDS ON
VEXED QUESTION.

CAPETOWN, April 2nd.

The Minister for the Interior, moving the second reading of the Class Areas Bill in the Assembly, said that it had been introduced owing to pressure by Indians on the whites. The Bill only aimed at separation as regards residence and trading. Every consideration and justice would be shown to Indians, but the claim of equality could not be allowed. There was no place for expansion for Indians in South Africa to-day. The so-called Indian menace could only be dispelled by the expansion of the whites all over the Union.

WEMBLEY STRIKE ENDS.

UNION OFFICIAL ADVISES WORK
RESUMPTION.

LONDON, April 2nd.

Mr. Morrey, London organiser for the Building Trades Federation, has advised the Wembley strikers to resume work immediately.

He pointed out that the continuance of the strike would seriously prejudice the negotiations pending with the employers. In the event of the failure of the negotiations there will be a national strike on April 5th.

STRIKERS RESUME WORK.

LATER.

A mass meeting of Wembley strikers, by a narrow majority, passed a resolution in favour of returning to work, as a consequence of which the vast majority of men have now returned.

EARLIER CABLES.

SCREW ON THE RUHR.
FRENCH PREMIER INSISTS ON
SATISFACTION.

A VIOLENT SCENE IN THE CHAMBER.

PARIS, April 2nd.

M. Poincaré's reply to interpellations on the Government's policy, in the Chamber, was interrupted, owing to a violent scene which necessitated the temporary suspension of the sitting.

The trouble arose through a supplementary remark to M. Poincaré's speech by the War Minister, M. Maginot, as the result of which a Communist, after calling M. Maginot an infamous scoundrel and blackguard, was only prevented from assaulting him by the ushers' intervention.

The Prime Minister declared that the choice of new Cabinet Ministers did not signify any change in foreign or home policy. He reiterated his well-known views regarding the French hold on the Ruhr, until satisfaction be accorded, and declared that the receipts from the Ruhr last year exceeded the expenditure by 635 million francs. He estimated the net surplus in 1924 at three milliards; and emphasised the necessity for a united will and perseverance by all the Allies in carrying out the reparations and expert committees' decisions, but in any event France would not waver in her determination.

This concluding statement was accorded prolonged cheers; and the Chamber then adjourned.

GERMANY AND ALLIES.

REPLY TO AMBASSADORS'
CONFERENCE.

BERLIN, April 2nd.

The German reply to the Ambassadors' Conference on the question of military control, which was presented last night suggests that the proposed investigation into German armaments should be carried out by the Council of the League of Nations also the immediate replacement of the Allied Control Commission by a body subordinate to the Council.

DISQUIETING FRENCH VIEW.

PARIS, April 2nd.

It is believed in French official circles that a very grave situation has been created by the German reply. It is stated that Germany, for the first time since the Armistice, adopts the tone of an independent Power unbound by the Treaty and also intimates that no steps towards a resumption of control will be possible until after the German elections.

CAPITAL LEVY AGAIN.

QUESTION NOT A LIVE ISSUE
THIS SESSION.

LONDON, April 2nd.

After the Evictions Bill was got out of the way the House of Commons settled down to a debate on the subject of the Capital Levy, which was of an academic character, as it was recognised that the question was not a live issue in this Parliament.

The Hon. Walter Guinness submitted a motion inviting the House to register its opinion that the encouragement of enterprise and fruitful use of capital were needed and that the Capital Levy would prove disastrous to employment.

Mr. Peirce-Lawrence moved an amendment supporting the Capital Levy.

Mr. J. R. Clynes recognised that no Government could introduce the Capital Levy proposal unless assured of public opinion. He believed people would soon see it to be a real, stern necessity.

The amendment was defeated and the Hon. Mr. Guinness' motion carried by 325 votes to 160.

CABINET MEETING.

LONDON, April 2nd.

It is understood in the Lobby of the House of Commons that further consideration of the Evictions question has been adjourned for a Cabinet meeting to-day.

EIGHT HOURS' DAY BILL.

LONDON, April 2nd.

In the House of Commons, at question-time, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Minister for Labour, said he hoped to introduce an Eight Hours' Day Bill shortly, whether or not foreign countries took similar steps. The Bill will cover textile workers.

SOVIET AND RUMANIA.

VIENNA, April 2nd.

The Russo-Rumanian negotiations have been definitely broken off. The Rumanians have refused to consent to a plebiscite.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WU PEI FU ACTIVE.

MANNING TROOPS BEFORE SHENSHI.
SHANGHAI, April 2nd.

The Peking correspondent of *N.Y.C. Daily News* states that it is reliably reported that Wu Pei Fu is concentrating troops on the Honan-Shensi border at Tungkuang with the object of invading Shensi and ejecting the Tughuas. Liu Chen Hua, who is alleged to be secretly negotiating with Wu Pei Fu's enemies, Peking has prepared a mandate removing Liu Chen Hua, while Wu Pei Fu, anticipating resistance, prepares for the invasion.

SHANGHAI SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Reuter's Agency have notified a correction to their cable, published yesterday, regarding the projected Endowment Institute for Seamen at Shanghai. The estimated cost should be Taels 350,000, and not, as stated in the earlier cable, Taels 520,000.

PORTUGAL TO MACAO.

AIRSHIP FLIGHT FROM EUROPE TO
FAIR EAST.

LONDON, April 2nd.

A Portuguese airship will depart at dawn on a projected flight to Macao.

JAPAN AND POLAND.

COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION TREATY
RATIFIED.

WARSAW, April 2nd.

The Senate has approved the ratification of a commercial navigation treaty between Poland and Japan.

CRIMINAL AND PATRIOT.
NOTORIOUS FRENCH CONVICT'S
DEATH.

A telegram from Ile-de-Re: the convict depot whence men sentenced to long terms of penal servitude are embarked for the French penal colonies, reports the death of a notorious criminal named Baptiste Travail, who was a few months ago given a life sentence for complicity in the murder and robbery of a woman cashier at the Paris cattle markets.

Travail was one of the most dangerous and daring criminals of recent times, but perhaps the most striking incident in his existing career was an act of pure patriotism, for which until long after his last sentence he never claimed the slightest credit, although he might have made good use of the undoubted facts in mitigation of his life sentence.

During the war Travail was in Switzerland keeping safely out of the way of the French police, and he met several German and Austrian spies as well as some of the minor members of the Allied counter-espionage service. In the course of conversation with one of the latter he found that the Allies were anxious to get hold of an important secret document which was believed to be in a safe at the Austrian Ministry in Bern. Without notifying any of his Allied friends of his intentions Travail broke into the Austrian Minister's house, forced the safe, and the next day handed the precious document in question over to the man who had told him about it. For his service, Travail refused to accept a penny of the reward offered to him. "I am an outlaw," he explained, "and this is the only way of serving France that I should think of."

Throughout his trial Travail never mentioned the affair at Bern, and it was only when he realised that he would never be able to stand the conditions of life in a penal colony that he made use of his exploit as a plea in support of his appeal that he should be allowed to serve out his sentence in France. An official investigation proved his statement to be well-founded, and there is a strong probability that but for his unexpected death his sentence would have been at least shortened in consideration of the valuable services he had rendered to the Allied cause.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

\$25,000,000 ENGINE BILL.

DIESEL TYPE FOR U.S. VESSEL.

WASHINGTON, April 2nd.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill authorising the expenditure of \$25,000,000 on the installation of the Diesel type of engine in United States Shipping Board vessels.

IN DAUGHERTY'S PLACE.

WASHINGTON, April 2nd.

President Coolidge has selected Mr. Nathan Stone to succeed Judge Daugherty.

WORLD CHESS CONTEST.

NEW YORK, April 2nd.

Yates defeated Edward Lasker. The game between Dr. Lasker and Janowski was adjourned after sixty-two moves.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

BRITISH FIRMS AND TRADE-MARKS
IN CHINA.QUESTION UNDER THE CONSIDERA-
TION OF HOME FIRMS.The Prince of Wales in the Hunting
Field.—Labour's Moderate Pro-
gramme.—Baldwin Retained.
—Queen's Wonderful Toy.

[FROM OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 11th.

There have been one or two important meetings in London with regard to the old and extremely difficult question of trade-marks in China. The Federation of British Industries has taken the matter up in real earnest, and, at a meeting called at the St. James's Street headquarters a few days ago, manufacturers and others interested in the China trade attended in such numbers that all could not find even standing space. This fact is worth mentioning because it is a pointer as to the sense of importance attached to this subject by trade interests in this country.

The question has assumed large proportions in the eyes of British firms in consequence of the promulgation of the Trade Mark Law by the Chinese Government in May of last year. It was put forth as law without consultation with the Treaty Powers; and, as it contains certain features which are held to be inimical to British traders, it is not, perhaps, surprising that the problem of trade-marks is being seriously tackled. The China Association in London has also held a meeting to consider the question, and I am assured that there is every hope that some joint action will be taken to protect the interests of British owners of trade-marks in China. There have been consultations, too, with representatives of the Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Federation and the principal Chambers of Commerce in Great Britain.

Naturally, a good deal of reference is observed with regard to the line it is proposed to adopt to ensure that no harm will ensue from the action of the Peking Government; and I think it would be unwise to say more at the present moment. The Board of Trade have certain information and in due course an official statement will be made, but it will take some time to decide the policy it is the intention of this country to follow.

MR. BALDWIN AND THE PARTY.

The chief event of the week outside Parliament was the meeting of the Conservative Party at which Mr. Baldwin was retained in the position of leader. There had been ominous rumours that a big row was to be expected, and much straight speaking, and some plain pictures—all on account of the blunder perpetrated by the ex-Prime Minister in making a bid for Protection involving the General Election last December; and, incidentally, the smashing defeat of the Conservatives.

But, as is often the case, the expected did not happen. The meeting was of the milk-and-water order, with scarcely a ripple on the surface of oratory. Mr. Baldwin, indeed, was well received, and his audience (or many of them) sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." All the same, the old and tried Conservatives are sure the party has taken the wrong turning by retaining Mr. Baldwin in command, seeing how lamentably he failed a few months ago. I think he was fortunate in the weakness of the attack on him; and of this I am sure—the result of the meeting does not represent the opinion of the mass of Conservatives. It would have been better for the party had Mr. Baldwin been dismissed and a fresh start made under a new leader. Mr. Baldwin has been tried in the balance and found wanting.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

There has been real public concern over the accident which befell the Prince of Wales, who broke his collar bone while taking a fence in the pursuit of "the little red devil." His horse fell and the Prince was pitched yards in front of the animal's head, landing on his right shoulder. The accident means that he will be unable to take part in fox-hunting for the remainder of the present season. It deprives him of one of his greatest pleasures, for hunting is a passion with him. His ambition always is to be in the first flight of riders taking a line across country, over hedges and ditches and any other obstacles that may chance to be in the way.

Although the Prince is going on well after his spill there are many thousands of his admirers who have never accounted themselves to the idea of the Heir Apparent taking the risks he does when he finds himself on the back of a spirited horse with a pretty turn of speed. Less than two years ago he had a succession of accidents while steeplechasing; and it was understood at the time that he had yielded to the strong persuasion of the King and Queen to refrain from this particular form of horsemanship. There was a good deal of justifiable public anxiety at what was happening, and it will not be allayed by the latest news that "our young man" has at last succeeded in breaking his collar bone.

Nobody wants to see the Prince of Wales kept in leading strings! As a matter of fact, his high spirit and courage, and a spice of dare-devilry which he has, endear him to countless multitudes at home and abroad. At the same time it is no exaggeration to say that if His Royal Highness could be induced to be more careful many hundreds of thousands of his well-wishers would feel more contented.

THE QUEEN'S DOLL HOUSE.

An immense amount of interest is being taken in the Queen's Doll House, which is to be on view at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. The toy—if such a description can be applied to it—is not quite complete, but it is announced this week that the Palace of Arts at the Exhibition where the house will be seen

next Sunday is finished and ready for the reception of the model dwelling. Standing five feet high, the little mansion is the most wonderful thing of the kind that has been fashioned by human patience and skill. The perfection of every detail is marvellous. All the furniture, and effects are drawn to scale to match the size of the house.

It is possible here to attempt a detailed account of the furnishing, with appointments as beautiful as any to be found in a mansion in Park Lane. There are, for instance, an electric lift, hot and cold water laid on to the bath-room, and a complete library comprising books that are not much larger than a postage stamp. Rudyard Kipling and many other famous authors have written volumes specially for the Doll House. Library. There is also a marvellous collection of paintings and statuary and other objects of art by master hands. I am told that arrangements are being made at the Palace of Arts at Wembley so that every visitor will get a full view of the interior wonders.

THE COURTESIES OF PUBLIC LIFE.

I hear from different sources rather pleasant stories of the very agreeable relations that have been established between members of the new Labour Government and their predecessors in office. Taking everything into account, it would not have been surprising if the Conservatives who have been supplanted had adopted a different attitude. But it is, of course, in accordance with the traditions of politics in this country that party differences shall not be allowed to embitter personal relationships. This is one of the things that no foreigner is ever able to understand.

It is no secret now that the Prime Minister is deeply grateful for the assistance he has received, and also for the tact and friendliness displayed towards him by his Conservative predecessors. Both Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues are loud in their praises for the manner in which the other fellows, as it were, have played the game. They have set a fine example by putting national interests before party. The Labour Ministers have had no previous experience of high office as a Government, or of the workings of State Departments, but outgoing Ministers have taken the trouble to coach them in their duties, and I am told that they have had promises of help in other ways.

When one comes to think of it, there is something remarkable in the fact that we have had a Labour Government coming into power for the first time in history in this country, and the change has been effected with scarcely any noise at all, certainly without bitterness; and it makes one feel proud of our political system which enables such a miracle to take place.

LONDON'S MOST DIGNIFIED CLUB.

The Athenaeum, the most dignified club in London, is about to celebrate its centenary, and the authorities are planning to allow ladies to attend as guests at dinner for the first time in a hundred years. There is no doubt that some of the older members look upon this departure from precedent as almost a revolution, and they do not like it. But it is only a sign of the times, and the admission of women, even as guests, is a touch of modernism that should do something to dissipate the deadly decorum of the Athenaeum.

Everything about the club is so stately and solemn that it has often been said there is nothing like it anywhere else on earth. One of the boasts of the Athenaeum is that it has never changed. The Athenaeum claim it can make is that a greater percentage of its members have been buried in Westminster Abbey and in St. Paul's than can be said of any other club in existence. It is an indication of its eminence—or rather the distinction of its membership. The joke is current in other West End clubs that the bare idea of women dining in the Athenaeum has caused inept apoplexy among the veteran members. Certainly the club with its traditions survives the innovation it seems assured of immortality!

THE LABOUR POLICY.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement of the Government's policy in the House of Commons has taken the wind out of the sails of would-be critics on the Opposition benches. There will, of course, be plenty of criticism, but not of the kind that most people thought would be prompted by the proposals of a Labour Government. The broad fact-programme that the Premier unfolded is more than enough to pay off national debts or provide jobs for Socialists, there was a clear indication that restoration of trade is to be the first and main occupation of the Labour Government. This is to take precedence even of the claims of unemployed for assistance in one shape or another.

I need scarcely say that this pronouncement has surprised while it has gratified the public at large, and more especially the moderate men and the business community. "I wish to make it perfectly clear," said the Prime Minister, "that the Government has no intention of drawing from the normal channels of trade large sums for extemporised measures which can be only palliatives." This, he added, was sound Socialist doctrine. The best way to solve the unemployment problem is to restore and maintain what he called "the ordinary financial facilities for trade and industry." The much-talked-of Capital Levy has, therefore, faded out of the picture, and vanished like the baseless fabric of a dream.

OTHER INDICATIONS OF MODERATION.

On the vexed question of housing, the Labour plan, as indicated by Mr. MacDonald, is to build dwellings to let at rentals within the capacity of ordinary working-class people by making some arrangement with the building trade that will reduce prime costs and at the same time guarantee continuous work for a number of years. This is a polite hint (Continued at foot of next column.)

CHINA'S NATIONAL YOUNG
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COMMITTEE.

The Y.W.C.A. of China by virtue of its national organization at last October's Convention, is now, for the first time, a member of the World's Association and will be represented at the meeting of the World's Committee by Mrs. H. C. Mei of Shanghai. This meeting, which is to be held in Washington, D.C., from May 9th to 10th, will be attended by about 100 voting delegates and visitors representing forty countries. Mrs. Mei of Shanghai, for some time Chairman of the National Committee in China, was to sail from Shanghai on the *President McKinley* yesterday (April 3rd) and will be accompanied by Miss Shu-Ching Ting, Acting General Secretary of the National Committee.

The World's Committee is the international body of the Young Women's Christian Association with headquarters in London. Its secretaries travel in forty countries, developing and correlating the work. Among the foreign delegates who will be present at the Convention are the Hon. Mrs. Montague Waldgrave, President, the Countess of Portsmouth, Lady Parmoor, Miss Edith Picton-Turberville of the Executive Committee, Frau France, Countess de Portales and Mlle. Jean Berthelot will attend as delegates; from Germany, Fräulein Zarnack; from Italy, Miss Mary Rossi; from Estonia, Miss Helen Pold. Other delegates include Froken Olafsen of Denmark, Miss Taka Kato San, Japan, Miss Michi Kawai of Japan and Froken Sigrid Netzel of Sweden are Vice-Presidents. The Countess of Portsmouth is Treasurer and Miss Charlotte Niven the General Secretary. Miss Shin Tak Hing, former Secretary of the Hongkong Y.W.C.A., and who for the past eighteen months has been studying at the London School of Economics, will also attend. Miss Shin is to cross Canada on her return next month and will visit a number of the Canadian Associations to whom she is already known by name. On her return she will be connected with the National Staff in Shanghai.

This is the first time that the tradition of holding the World's Committee meeting in Europe has been broken in favour of a gathering in the "New World." Former meetings have been held in France, Germany, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland.

SUICIDE IN COURT.

A TRANSVAAL CAPTAIN WHO
FOUGHT IN THE WAR.

A tragedy occurred at the courts in Vienna recently after ex-Captain Adam, an engineer by profession, sixty-one years of age, had sued the Commission for Land demarcating litigants, alleging that they had paid him only half of what he considered due.

Prior to the war Captain Adam worked in the Transvaal. As Austrian officer in the reserve he had been obliged to pledge his word that he would return to his country in the event of a general mobilisation. After having worked in South Africa for twenty-three years, he went back with his family to Austria before the general declaration of mobilisation, and, with his two sons, went to the front. His younger son fell in action, and Adam himself was dangerously wounded on several occasions. During the Italian invasion in Carinthia almost the whole of his property there was destroyed, and he was not permitted by the authorities to go there in order to save what was left.

A short period before the breakdown he invested two-thirds of his remaining money in war loan. His salary as a civil servant after the war was not sufficient to keep body and soul together, and the State, relying on a law of some sixty years ago, paid him only half his very scanty pension as an invalid.

The Constitutional Court refused to satisfy his claim for the whole pension, and when the sitting was over Adam took out a revolver and shot himself through the head, dying in a few minutes.

Vienna is being swept by a wave of suicide. In a prison cell a girl of sixteen hanged herself with the assistance of two other girl inmates.

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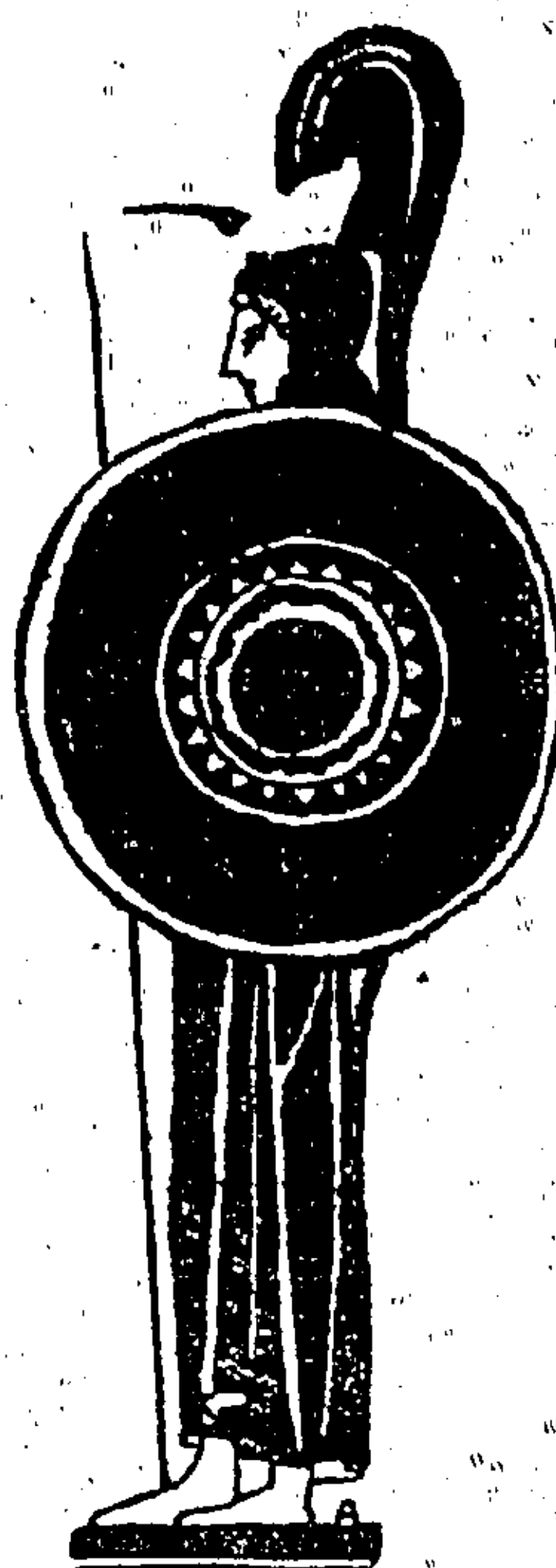
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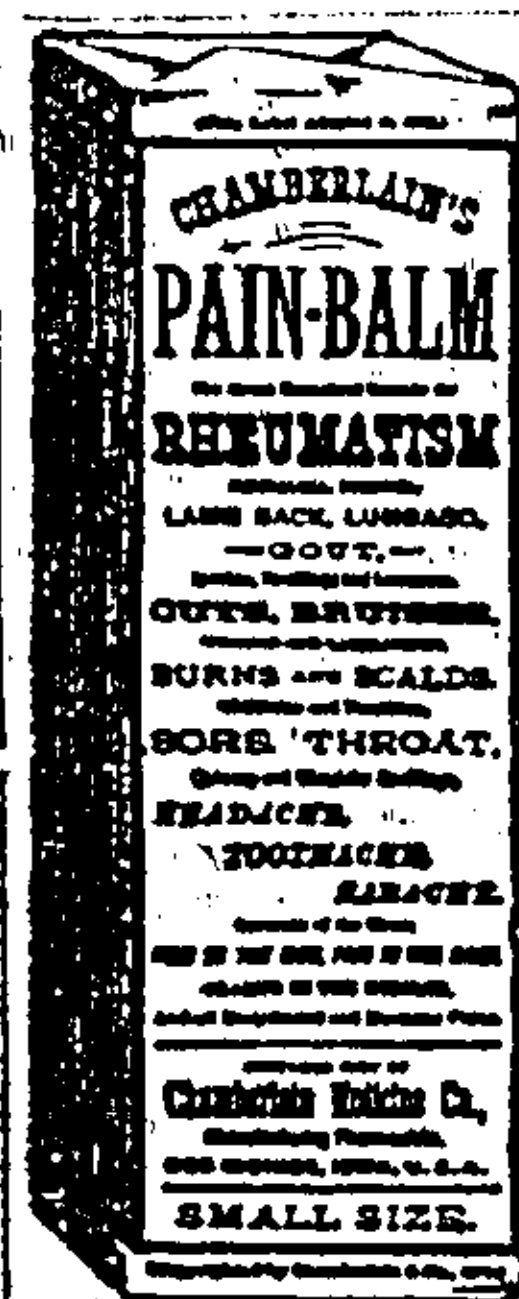
that building rings that have kept up the prices of materials required for building will be, effectively dealt with, and possible trouble with Trade Unions will be anticipated. As to unemployment, the idea is to revive trade, which would have as a natural consequence the absorption of more men in industry; the only true solution of the problem, as every competent judge will agree. There was a temperate outlook, also, as regards foreign affairs; and it is noteworthy that by far the greater part of the cheers that accompanied Mr. MacDonald's speech came from the Conservative side of the House.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES. THE GRANDE SEMAINE OF FASHION.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RIMSA.]

PARIS, February 23rd.

The Summer begins with the Grande Semaine of the Grand Prix and the Bal de l'Opera. The Grand Semaine of fashion opens the Spring with the showings of the most important couturiers. This week is the deciding one, for during its course the fashions are definitely set.

Worth's collection is dominated by the long, straight line. He features sheath dresses without the vestige of a marking to indicate a waist-line, and where he does use a waist-line it is low and serves as a point of departure for long pleated skirts, or else it marks the lower edge of a bright coloured bodice which is attached to a soberly coloured skirt of repps or tulle. The costume being completed with a jacket matching the skirt. As a trimming, Worth is exploiting the possibilities of the pleated skirt. He softens edges a collar with such a frill of *crêpe de chine* and then carries it on down the front of the gown to stress the long-line effect. Worth's coats are narrow, still carrying out the straight line, and they usually reach to the hem of the gown. As a rule, bright coloured linings relieve the sober street colour of these coats. Sometimes an embroidered scarf collar adds its discreet colour note. Sports coats of suede leather appear in delicate colours—such as rose and beige, and several of these show fringed scarves.

Worth's evening gowns always have a character of their own, for they appear very simple, sheathing the figure closely and having a tendency to drape to the left hip. But this draping is reduced to the mere suggestion of a tendency in the present season. Their décolletages are particularly interesting as they are square in front and oval or V-shaped in the back. White dresses and great delicate coloured fans of ostrich feathers appear together, the fan giving the enlivening colour note to the white gown which is so trying to all but the fairest of the fair.

Molyneux is famous for his devotion to the straight line and this dominates his present collection. The tunic, however, is used to break the monotony of the sheath and chemise gowns. Two kinds of tunics appear—one of lace, superimposed upon a crepe slip, full and fluffy, but so transparent that the silhouette shows strongly through. The tunics of the same material as the dress are narrow, and follow the sheath line closely. Feathers are the trimming most favoured by Molyneux for evening gowns. He edges tunics with them and makes them into long bows which wrap about the neck and trail long ends, the bow being quite separate from the dress but a vital accompaniment of it, the very essence, as it were, of its long line composition.

The bows, of course, are only another version of the scarf which is so universally fashionable. These Molyneux also uses, making scarf collars, and separate scarves to complete dresses for morning as well as for afternoon. Molyneux's tailored suits are rather short as to skirt and have trim little jackets which hardly break the straight line in their fastenings or their fitting.

Laurin's collection shows a great deal of the narrow line silhouette. She has launched a new colour—a grayish, smoky blue—and she adorns her creations with delicate silver embroidery. The robes de style, which have so long been a feature of her collection, still appear and have taken on slightest changes in her skillful hands, so that they bear less resemblance to any given period and yet are decorative and quaint.

Jenny's collection—which is always one of the most important, as it sets the final seal of correctness in the season's fashions—develops the straight line in interesting variations. Jenny has introduced the back apron tunic and side tunic, and these she prefers to have pleated, thus multiplying the vertical effect and at the same time disposing of much material in the skirt and those straight tunics. She has introduced an elbow sleeve, and small collars like the Peter Pan collar of some years ago appear on her jackets as well as on her morning frocks. Jenny's favourite trimming this year consists in placing small buttons of the same colour as the gown in long lines. Sometimes they edge collars and cuffs, sometimes they extend from the neck to the hem of the gown.

Plaids are one of the features of the season's textiles. Martail and Armand are using them with particular freedom and variety. Plaids come in pleated coats, plaids in plain and satin gowns, pleated plaids, plaids piping and trimmings—and find place in their collection. This last week has developed a great deal of variety in the length of coats. The hip-length jacket is appearing frequently; three-quarter length and finger-length jackets are seen. The knee-length coat, the seven-eighths length coat, and the full length coats are all to be found in abundance. The full-length coats, of course, do not arrive very near the floor, except in some evening things, but the skirt length has very decidedly shortened, although some of the designers, like Poiret, are showing some long skirts even for daytime wear. In general, though, the skirts are well above the ankles and most of the women are rejoicing at this news.

A number of new ideas in fabric, design and trimming have come out with the new season. Slashed dresses are a feature. A bright printed silk under-slip will be covered by a sober coloured over-slip, which is slit in odd and unexpected places to show the under-slip through it.

Black and white prints are a feature of every collection. Lucile uses them in a great many different ways. The most diaphanous silks are being revived and are used to make charming dance and afternoon gowns. Chiffon as delicate as a spiderweb is printed with designs of crimson and purple roses and is used by Yvonne to drape over a scarlet

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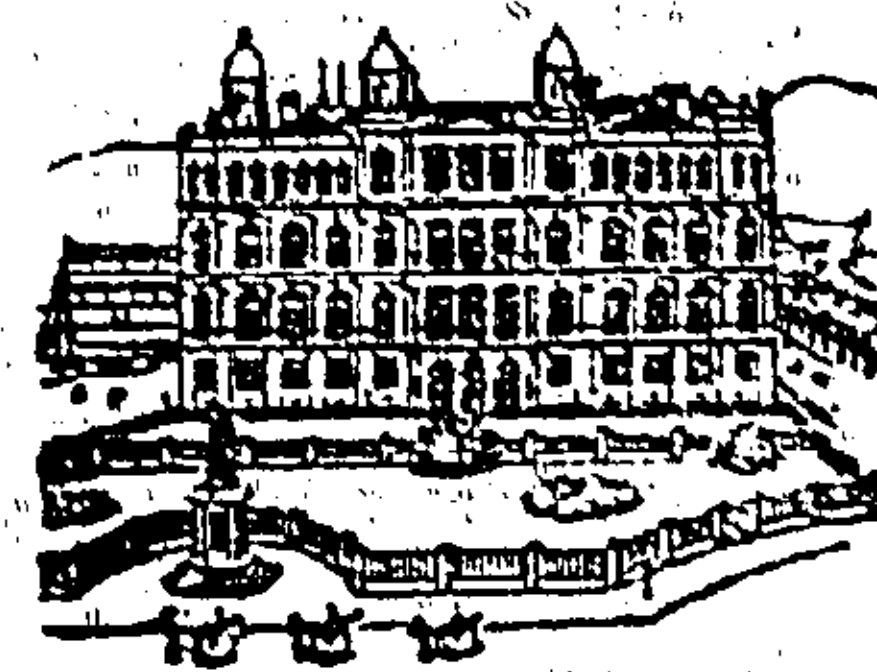
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Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Kingston-on-Thames on February 13th, expressed the hope that now Russia was "recognised," and in a fair way for being helped, prosperity would destroy the last remnants of Bolshevism, which was the child of misery and despair.

slip to form an evening-gown which has wing-like side pieces. Black and white print chiffons make full, clinging skirts, and drape into slight bodices.

Crêpones and *toiles de jouty* are appearing in a number of couturiers' collections. Agnes makes short sports coats of the Jouty cloth embroidered over with fine gold chain-stitching. Whole frocks of crêpones appear and are decidedly quaint and charming, and eminently practical for outdoor wear in the country.

Hindoo, Coptic, and Byzantine designs are to be seen in the prints, and the colourings of these are rich and subdued. Their variety serves well to set off the black satins and alpaca which appear in gowns, in suits, in coats and in frocks.



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		10 18	5 9	4 7	2 0
Sun.	6	10 16	6 1	4 16	2 4
		10 56	6 5	4 49	2 8
Mon.	7	10 40	6 3	5 26	3 0
		11 35	6 3	5 3	3 1
Tues.	8	11 7	6 3	6 10	3 2
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SIR A. G. ANDERSON ON TRADE IMPROVEMENT.

In his presidential address to the annual meeting of the Chamber of Shipping at the Leatherellers' Hall, St. Helen's-place, E.C.3, Sir Alan G. Anderson made the following points:

The depression is with us still. But we have touched the bottom of bad freight. There still is a redundant fleet of vessels in all countries ready at short notice to put to sea when freight rises, and by flooding the market, to bring about an immediate collapse of freight. The tonnage laid up in the United Kingdom has fallen from 1,500,000 tons gross in January 1922 to 1,008,000 tons gross in January 1924. There is evidence that the position of the British Mercantile Marine is improving.

The late Government started lending money to shipowners or shipbuilders on easy terms to bring about employment in the shipbuilding industry. It is dangerous to apply this artificial stimulus to the shipbuilding trade in its present condition. If shipbuilders and owners are left to work out their own salvation according to economic laws the orders for ships will gradually increase.

Every ship built before its time by Government action will probably postpone a dozen or more other orders which would otherwise have been placed.

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The success of our overseas trade is gravely imperilled by the present methods of setting wages in British industry. We have left behind us settlement by sectional strike and we have not reached settlement by reason. We hope that the Labour Government will help us forward in the right direction.

Taxation must stay high as long as Government insists on spending at a level vastly above 1913. Can it be necessary to spend on the Government supervision of Mercantile Marine about four times more than in 1913, or £44,000,000 more on Civil Service pay in 1923 than 1913? Would it not be better to reduce the work rather than burden industry with these heavy additional expenses?

Describing how the fall of the mark had enabled the German shipowner and exporter to undercut foreign competitors, he said that the Chamber estimates that on wages of crews alone the German Mercantile Marine last year saved £4,400,000.

Luckily for the trade of the world, the devaluation of the mark cannot continue indefinitely.

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THE MODERN WARSHIP.

FIRST LORD ON NEW INVENTIONS.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Electrical Engineers was held at the Hotel Cecil on Thursday 27th March.

Russell, the President, was in the chair.

Lord Chimsford First Lord of the Admiralty, proposing the toast of "The Institution of Electrical Engineers," said that he had been long enough at the Admiralty to realize that the modern ship, and especially the modern warship, without electricity was almost inconceivable.

What ever activity there might be on the ship electricity always came first.

He said that during the short time he had been at the Admiralty to have been engaged in what seemed to be that perennial controversy between the Air Ministry and the Admiralty. There was a point in that controversy which was not generally known.

When the Admiralty said that they would like a wireless of their own on the aircraft that was going to play a part in every air arm, that wireless was of far greater importance than the airplane itself, because it depended upon wireless as to whether the Fleet Commander was going to get the information he was expecting from his aircraft.

Electricity played a great part so far as the Fleet was concerned. Unless submarines had large secondary batteries they would be useless. One of the most interesting things that had come his way during the last month at the Admiralty was to find that while a development of the potentialities of the submarine was going on, there was quite close anti-submarine department. As submarines went ahead in one direction the anti-submarine department was informed of it and immediately proceeded to devise something by which the submarine could be countered.

It was through electricity that nearly all these things were done. The Navy, the Navy was concerned they must be deeply indebted to electrical engineers, to whom they owed a great deal of their efficiency. On the other hand the electrical engineer had some cause for indebtedness to the Navy. It was through the increasing requirements and demands of the Navy that the engineers were provided as a profession with a stimulus for fresh invention and fresh development. (Cheers.)

The President, responding, said that the activities of the Research Department of the Admiralty were reflected in the equipment of their latest vessels. They had proved that science was a weapon of greater potential value than weight of broadside.

AMBASSADOR'S TRIBUTE TO THE ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.

Senor Don Merry del Val, the Spanish Ambassador in London, in thanking Dr. A. R. Pastor, who delivered an address at King's College on "Spain and Europe," said that the Spanish idea of the gentleman had grown with the course of time; and, curiously enough, in no country in the world had it been given greater or better expression than in England. Everyone now looked to England for the type which was called "gentleman." It was because in England alone had it been practically realized that the education of will and of character was more fundamentally important than the mere cramming of knowledge into the heads of the young.

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TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday,	8th Apr.	Noon.	
KOBE via SHANGHAI	"WAISHANG"	Wednesday,	9th Apr.	7 a.m.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday,	9th Apr.	Noon.	
MANILA	"CHEONGSHING"	Friday,	9th Apr.	Noon.	
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"FOUSHING"	Friday,	11th Apr.	7 a.m.	
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUISANG"	Saturday,	12th Apr.	11 a.m.	
FANGKOK via HOIHOW	"LEESANG"	Sunday,	13th Apr.	10 a.m.	
KOBE via MOJI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday,	16th Apr.	7 a.m.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"CHUNSANG"	Friday,	18th Apr.	10 a.m.	
MANILA	"LAISANG"	Friday,	18th Apr.	Noon.	
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday,	23rd Apr.	1 p.m.	
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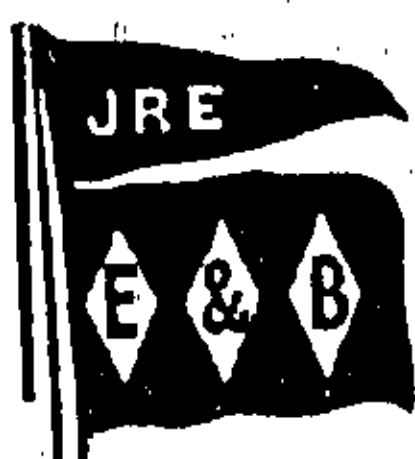
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"NELLORE"	8,232	17th April	Mars, L'don, A'werp & B'dam.
"CHINA"	7,913	19th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SOUADAN"	6,996	26th April	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MIEZAPORE"	6,713	8th May	Spore, Colombo & B'bay.
"PLASSY"	7,436	17th May	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,343	24th May	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	25th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUADAN"	6,996	23rd June	Mars, L'don, A'werp.
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	do.
"KARMA"	9,098	12th July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SICILIA"	8,813	22nd July	Mars, L'don, A'werp.
"MALWA"	10,941	29th July	do.
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"JANNA"	6,032	23rd April	do.
"TANDA"	6,356	6th May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,349	25th May	do.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Apr.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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"KASHMIR"	8,343	5th Apr. 11 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"GOGRA"	5,181	7th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,356	15th Apr.	do.
"PLASSY"	7,436	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	2nd May	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,349	5th May	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	13th May	Shanghai.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"CORILLA"	5,215	20th May	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUADAN"	6,996	11th June	Shanghai.
"KARMA"	9,098	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	10th July	Shanghai.
"DEVANHA"	8,093	11th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th July	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Aug.	Moji & Kobe.
"KEYBER"	9,014	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	22nd Aug.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,343	3rd Sept.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	19th Sept.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Oct.	Moji & Kobe.
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SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 5th Apr.	D.L.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHIBLI"	On 6th Apr.	D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TIENTSIN"	On 6th Apr. 10 a.m.	D.L.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"TEAN"	On 8th Apr.	Noon
SHANGHAI CHEFOO & NEWHANG	"WUHU"	On 8th Apr.	D.L.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 8th Apr.	D.L.
HOIHOW, AKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 8th Apr. 10 a.m.	D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 8th Apr. 2 p.m.	D.L.
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 9th Apr.	D.L.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 9th Apr. 2 p.m.	D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 10th Apr. 10 a.m.	D.L.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KAYING"	On 13th Apr. 4 p.m.	D.L.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 13th Apr. 10 a.m.	D.L.
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